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Fish, Wildlife & Parks**



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Flathead County Library, 247 First Ave. E., Kalispell, 59901

Jan Wassink, 2570 Airport Rd., Kalispell, 59901

Ladies and Gentlemen:

The enclosed Environmental Assessment (EA) has been prepared for Mr. Jan Wassink, 2570 Airport Rd., Kalispell, MT 59901, who currently has a fur farm and would also like to raise and keep in captivity red foxes, racoons, and short tail weasels for photography purposes, and is submitted for your consideration. Please direct you questions or comments to Game Warden Brian Sommers at the above address by Friday, September 20, 1996. Thank you.

Sincerely,

Dan Vincent
Regional Supervisor

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Enclosure

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ENVIRONMENTAL ASSESSMENT CHECKLIST

Fur Farm, Game Bird Farm, Zoo/Menagerie, Shooting Preserve

PART 1. PROPOSED ACTION DESCRIPTION

Project Title: _____

Application Date: 6/8/96

Name, Address and Phone Number: Jan Wassink

2570 Airport Rd.

Kalispell, MT 59901

Project Location: 2570 Airport Rd., Kalispell, MT 59901

Description of Project:

Applicant currently has a fur farm license and he would also like to raise and keep in captivity red foxes, raccoons, and short tail weasels for photography purposes.

Other groups or agencies contacted or which may have overlapping jurisdiction:

Department of Livestock
Department of Health
USDA - Animal Welfare

PART 2. ENVIRONMENTAL REVIEW

Table 1. Potential impact on physical environment.

Will the proposed action result in potential impacts to:	Unknown	Potentially Significant	Minor	None	Can Be Mitigated	Comments Below Or On Attached Pages
1. Unique, endangered, fragile, or limited environmental resources				x		
2. Terrestrial or aquatic life and/or habitats				x		
3. Introduction of new species into an area				x		
4. Vegetation cover, quantity & quality				x		
5. Water quality, quantity & distribution (surface or groundwater)				x		
6. Existing water right or reservation				x		
7. Geology & soil quality, stability & moisture				x		
8. Air quality or objectional odors				x		
9. Historical & archaeological sites				x		
10. Demands on environmental resources of land, water, air & energy				x		
11. Aesthetics				x		

Comments

None

(A description of potentially significant, or unknown, impacts and potential alternatives for mitigation must be provided.)

Table 2. Potential impacts on human environment.

Will the proposed action result in potential impacts to:	Unknown	Potentially Significant	Minor	None	Can Be Mitigated	Comments Below Or On Attached Pages
1. Social structures and cultural diversity				x		
2. Changes in existing public benefits provided by wildlife populations and/or habitat				x		
3. Local and state tax base and tax revenue				x		
4. Agricultural production				x		
5. Human health				x		
6. Quantity & distribution of community & personal income				x		
7. Access to & quality of recreational activities				x		
8. Locally adopted environmental plans & goals (ordinances)				x		
9. Distribution & density of population and housing				x		
10. Demands for government services				x		
11. Industrial and/or commercial activity				x		

Comments

(A description of potentially significant, or unknown, impacts and potential alternatives for mitigation must be provided as comments.)

Does the proposed action involve potential risks or adverse effects which are uncertain but extremely harmful if they were to occur?

The applicant currently has a fur farm license, and a raccoon and a red fox in captivity.
There are no known impacts, recognized in the EA, with the possession of these animals.

Does the proposed action have impacts that are individually minor, but cumulatively significant or potentially significant?

None.

Description and analysis of reasonable alternatives (including the no action alternative) to the proposed action when alternatives are reasonably available and prudent to consider. Include a discussion of how the alternatives would be implemented:

- Alternative 1 - issue the permit with or without stipulations.
- Alternative 2 - deny the permit.
- Alternative 3 - take no action on the proposal.

List proposed mitigative measures (stipulations) for license:

1. All animals possessed in this facility must be obtained from private sources.
2. Documentation of sources must be available for inspection.
3. All zoo/menagerie rules and regulations must be followed and adhered to.

Individuals or groups contributing to, or commenting on, this EA:

EA prepared by: Game Warden Brian Sommers

Date Completed: August 26, 1996

PART 3. DECISION

Recommendation and justification concerning preparation of EIS:

None. No impacts are expected, this application is only an addition to an existing fur farm facility.

Describe public involvement, if any:

Notification by mail with 24 days comment period.

Legal Notice in local newspaper.

State Bulletin Board

FWP News Release

Recommendation for license approval:

Wildlife Manager

Date

Warden Captain

Date

REF:WASSINK.EA

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